

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Railway (METRONET) Amendment Bill 2022

The purpose of this Bill is to authorise, as part of the METRONET plan, the construction of the Armadale Line railway projects including the Victoria Park-Canning Level Crossing Removal (VPCLXR) and Byford Rail Extension (BRE) projects and for related purposes.

Once passed, the bill will be a special Act as envisaged by section 96 of the *Public Works Act 1902*.

The Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension will incorporate the length of the Armadale Line from Claisebrook Station to the end of the associated railway works for BRE, just north of Mundijong near the junction where the existing Transwa Australind passenger line converges with the Kwinana-Mundijong freight rail alignment.

Following are the contents of the Bill, described section by section.

Part 1 - Preliminary

Section 1: Short Title

The short title is *Railway (METRONET) Amendment Act 2022*.

Section 2: Commencement

The Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Section 3: Act amended

The Act amends the *Railway (METRONET) Act 2018*.

Section 4: Long Title amended

The long title is amended so the Act authorises, as part of the METRONET plan, a railway from Claisebrook Station to Mundijong (known as the Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension).

Part 2: Authority to construct METRONET railways

Section 5: Section 4B inserted

At the end of Part 2 insert:

4B Authority to construct Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension

Section 96 of the *Public Works Act 1902* requires every railway to be made under the authority of a special Act which shall state as nearly as may be the alignment of the railway and the two termini of that railway.

Section 4B authorises the construction of the proposed Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension. The authority extends to construction and maintenance of the proposed railway with all the proper and usual works and facilities along the line which is specified in Section 5 of the Bill.

Section 6: Schedule 4 inserted

After Schedule 3 insert:

Schedule 4 – Line of Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension

Schedule 4 sets out the line of the proposed Armadale Line and Byford Rail Extension.